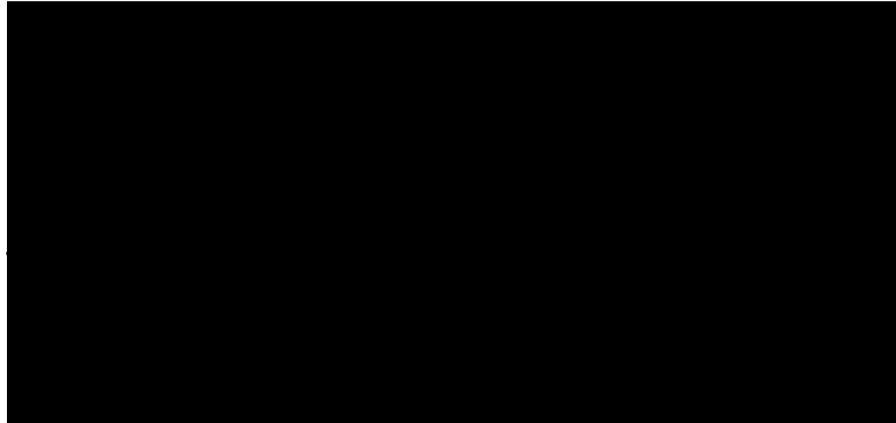


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MINUTES
Research, Development and Production Review Board

- I. Meeting #61 of the Research, Development and Production Review Board was held in the OC Conference Room at 1430 hours on 3 October 1956. The following persons were in attendance:



- II. Under Agenda Item I, Old Business:

The minutes of meeting #60 were approved by the Board.

- III. Under Agenda Item II, New Business:

1. [REDACTED] reviewed the history of the 500 watt transmitter development-production program and pointed out the existing requirements for 100 additional "HT-4 type" transmitters to support the stock pile program. The Board discussed the problem at length pointing out the interim solution of the rack mounted RT-4 and PMO equipment, the continuing evaluation of the T-368 and the GPT-750, and the logistical advantage of the HT-4 equipment. Additionally, development of such a transmitter by the Agency was discussed. It was the opinion of the Board that the many facets of the problem should be given more consideration, and the subject was tabled for the next regular meeting.

2. [REDACTED] initiated the discussion of the security classification of the ASF-4 equipment. The problem was discussed in three segments:

a. The need for maintaining the classification of NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS.

b. The necessity for maintaining the SECRET classification of the techniques and instructional material.

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c. The ramifications of lowering the equipment classification to CONFIDENTIAL.

The similarity of the ASF-4 equipment to that developed by other Agencies was pointed out and the repercussions which might occur if we released the techniques to foreign nationals without discussing such releases with other U. S. Services were recognized. It was the unanimous decision of the Board that the NOT RELEASABLE TO FOREIGN NATIONALS classification of the techniques be retained. The Board considered that in no event should the techniques be revealed to foreign nationals without first briefing the Services as to our intentions.

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Because of the similarity of our equipment to that of certain other Agencies and because of the still apparently uncompromised methods employed for the high speed transmission of intelligence, the Board concurred with [REDACTED] recommendation that the techniques and instructional material retain the classification of SECRET.

The discussion as to the feasibility of reducing the equipment classification to CONFIDENTIAL was tabled pending further clarification of the physical security requirements of each of the classifications.

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3. [REDACTED] reported that he had entered into discussions with DD/P relative to our intentions to develop Direction Finding equipment of both fixed station and agent types. The Board noted the information.

Descriptions of two items to be presented to the Ideas and Requirements Panel were distributed for review prior to the next meeting.

IV.

The meeting adjourned at 1645 hours. The next meeting of the Board will be that of the Ideas and Requirements Panel and will be held on 17 October 1956 at 1430 hours.

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Distribution:

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Members and those in attendance
listed in Paragraph I
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